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Subject: **REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Deposit Account No. 14-1140
Statement Date: April 30, 2004
Date Posted: April 7, 2004
Control No.: 10098629
Fee Code: 1253; \$950.00
Our Ref.: 3638-28

S.N. = 10/098,629

To whom it may concern:

Regarding the Monthly Statement of Deposit Account dated April 30, 2004 (copy attached), we believe there is a fee related error therein, which has resulted in a charge to our Deposit Account that appears to be unwarranted. Please refer to the following explanation and issue a refund as soon as possible.

No shortened statutory period for reply to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003 was specified, therefore, the maximum statutory period of six (6) months applies. Applicants should not have been charged \$950.00 for a three-month extension of time. Please credit our Deposit Account in the amount of \$950.00.

Thank you for your time and assistance, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: Alan M. Kagen

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Enclosure

Adjustment date: 06/28/2004 EEKUBAY1
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04/06 77	10815927	4059-21	1001	\$770.00	\$18,531.9
04/06 78	10815927	4059-21	1202	\$126.00	\$18,405.9
04/06 112	10815943	4059-20	1001	\$770.00	\$17,635.9
04/06 115	10815946	4059-19	1001	\$770.00	\$16,865.9
04/06 116	10815946	4059-19	1202	\$108.00	\$16,757.9
04/07 4	10098629	3638-28	1253	\$950.00	\$15,807.9
04/07 155	09658275	3826-2	2201	\$129.00	\$15,678.9
04/07 156	09658275	3826-2	2202	\$180.00	\$15,498.9
04/07 157	09658275	3826-2	2253	\$475.00	\$15,023.9
04/08 1	09188102	2380-24	1814	\$110.00	\$14,913.9
04/08 4	10049809	P6437(518192	1202	\$18.00	\$14,895.9
04/08 18	PCT/US04/05328	4491-4	1602	\$700.00	\$14,195.9
04/08 20	PCT/US04/05328	4491-4	1703	\$44.00	\$14,151.9
04/08 22	PCT/US04/05327	4491-4	1602	\$700.00	\$13,451.9
04/08 24	PCT/US04/05327	4491-4	1703	\$44.00	\$13,407.9
04/08 80	10819174	160-411	9204	-\$40.00	\$13,447.9
04/09 226	09839164	1331-338	8021	\$40.00	\$13,407.9
04/09 289	PCT/US04/10486	4480-60	1702	\$57.00	\$13,350.9
04/09 291	PCT/US04/10486	4480-60	1703	\$24.00	\$13,326.9
04/09 292	PCT/US04/10486	4480-60	8007	\$20.00	\$13,306.9
04/09 339	10140936	2018-556	8001	\$12.00	\$13,294.9
04/12 1	09385375	2380-106	1251	\$110.00	\$13,184.9
04/13 37	PCT/US04/10714	3462-47	1702	\$79.00	\$13,105.9
04/13 39	PCT/US04/10714	3462-47	8007	\$20.00	\$13,085.9
04/13 42	PCT/US04/10715	4480-62	1702	\$79.00	\$13,006.9
04/13 44	PCT/US04/10715	4480-62	8007	\$20.00	\$12,986.9
04/13 47	PCT/US04/10716	3691-692	1702	\$68.00	\$12,918.9
04/13 49	PCT/US04/10716	3691-692	1703	\$12.00	\$12,906.9
04/13 50	PCT/US04/10716	3691-692	8007	\$20.00	\$12,886.9
04/14 4	10750947	159-82	1201	\$86.00	\$12,800.9
04/14 81	10681740	2784-36	9204	-\$40.00	\$12,840.9
04/15 1	10478379	2818-178	1616	\$290.00	\$12,550.9
04/15 5	10140936	2018-556	8001	-\$12.00	\$12,562.9
04/16 1	10481332	613-82	1615	\$162.00	\$12,400.9
04/16 2	10475760	711-45	9204	-\$130.00	\$12,530.9
04/16 4	09868307	39-240	1252	\$420.00	\$12,110.9
04/16 5	10389808*	16345-1205	1814	\$110.00	\$12,000.9
04/16 24	76434434	937-1451	9204	-\$300.00	\$12,300.9
04/16 210	10681740	2784-36	8021	\$40.00	\$12,260.9
04/16 229*	6074694	STATUS AND ENTITY BRANCH	8008	\$200.00	\$12,060.9
04/16 230			8024	\$80.00	\$11,980.9
04/16 231		2004 MAY 21 PM 1:11	8008	\$200.00	\$11,780.9
04/19 11	10635011	265-150	1202	\$18.00	\$11,762.9
04/19 78	PCT/US04/11396	340-89	1703	\$89.00	\$11,673.9
04/19 80	PCT/US04/11396	340-89	8007	\$40.00	\$11,633.9
04/19 168	PCT/US03/33098	4052-113	1705	\$14.00	\$11,619.9
04/19 288	10399565	550-429	8021	\$40.00	\$11,579.9
04/20 1	09618759	3659-10	2202	\$45.00	\$11,534.9